ed a loan of $250 million for the development of oil and gas production in the country;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the loan;

(c) whether Government propose to invest the same during the year 1992-93; and

(d) if so, the extent by which the production of oil and gas is likely to increase as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The Asian Development Bank has sanctioned a loan of US $ 267 million for the development of Gandhar Field Development Project. The terms and conditions include the ordinary loan operation regulations and some other conditions such as decisions on gas pricing, fourth round of biddings etc. The loan is to be utilized by 31.3.1996.

(d) An incremental production of 16.521 million tonnes of oil and 18.14 billion cubic metres of gas.

Tenders for off-shore rigs

1092. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tenders for some offshore jack up rigs have been finalised in favour of certain foreign firms;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether indigenous firms have also submitted tenders for the purpose;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what are the reasons for deciding the tenders in favour of foreign companies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Recently the Government have approved the charter hire of 9 off shore jack up rigs by Oil & Natural Gas Commission, out of which 3 rigs were hired from foreign firms. In another tender for a Shallow Water Jackup rig for drilling in Gulf of Cambay the contract was awarded to a foreign company.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Seven Indian companies had participated in the jackup rig tender, out of which 3 offers were not techno-commercially acceptable. Six rigs available with Indian companies offered in the tender were also hired since there were requirements for all these rigs. In the tender for Shallow water Jackup rig the Indian company did not sign the contract due to increase in price and hence the contract had to be awarded to the foreign firm.

Asain Development Bank loan for oil exploration

1093. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of the export earnings presently spent on the import of crude oil and petroleum products annually;

(b) whether it is a fact that the assistance of 400 million dollars is likely to be received by the Government from Asian Development Bank for oil exploration in the country;

(c) what are the oil fields which are proposed to be exploited with the Asian Development Bank loan and what are the expectations of recovery from these fields; and

(d) whether Government propose to invite private sector participation in all aspects of the exploration of oil fields?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Approximately 33 per cent in 1990-91.

(b) and (c) A loan of US $ 267 million has been sanctioned by the Asian

Development Bank for the Gandhar Field Development Project. An incremental production of 16.521 million tonnes of crude oil and 18.14 billion cubic metres of gas is expected from the project.

(d) Bids have been invited under the Fourth Round of Bidding from foreign and Indian companies for exploration for hydrocarbons in 72 blocks in the country.

Auraiya Gas Crackar and Salempur Aromatic project, Uttar Pradesh

1094. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Auraiya Gas Cracker Project and the Salempur Aromatic project of Uttar Pradesh are still lying pending with the Government for sanction/clearance;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for not sanctioning/clearing these projects so far; and

(c) by when the sanction/clearance to these projects is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Gas Authority of India Limited's proposal to set up a Petrochemical Complex at Auraiya in Uttar Pradesh was given first stage approval in 1989. The detailed feasibility report submitted by GAIL is being processed for Government approval.

A Letter of Intent has been issued to M/s. J.K. Petrochemicals on 23.5.1989 for setting up an Aromatic Complefil at Salempur in Uttar Pradesh.

पेट्रोल पम्पों पर छापे

1095. **डा. अबरार अहमद** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली तथा राजस्थान के कितने पट्रोल पम्पों पर मिलावट करने का आरोप लगाया गया था और उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की गई थी तथा कुल कितने छापे मारे गए थे, और

(ख) उन गैस एजेंसियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें काला बाजारी करते हुए पकड़ा गया था अथवा जिनके विरुद्ध शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थी तथा उन पर की गई कार्रवाई का ब्यौरा क्या था ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में मंत्री (श्री वी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) तेल कम्पनियों द्वारा अप्रैल, 1990 से दिसम्बर, 1991 के दौरान मिलावट के 7 मामले जानकारी में आए थे जबकि राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र के प्राधिकारियों द्वारा दिल्ली और राजस्थयन में 62 छापे मारे गए थे । बाजार अनुशासन दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुसार दोषी डीलरों के विरुद्ध बिक्री पर रोक, चेतावनी, आदि जैसी विभिन्न कार्रवाई की गई।

(ख) इसी दौरान दिल्ली और राजस्थान से काला बाजारी के 9 मामले मामले तथा गैस एजेंसियों के विरुद्ध छापे के 13 मामले जानकारी में आए। जांच करने पर कोई भी मामला साबित नहीं किया जा सका ।

L.P.G. dealerships

1096. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation had issued some letters of intent in April-June, 1991 for dealerships and the same were suspended for review by Government;

(b) if so, the number of such cases cleared after the review;

(c) what was the criterion adopted by Government for review;

(d) the number of cases still lying pending for review; and